

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 NATO 02739 051646Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 EURE-00 CIAE-00 PM-04 INR-07
L-03 ACDA-07 NSAE-00 PA-01 SS-15 PRS-01 SP-02
USIA-06 TRSE-00 NSC-05 /074 W
-----051918Z 019126 /53

P 051543Z MAY 77
FM USMISSION NATO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3443
SECDEF WASHDC PRIORITY
INFO CDRDARCOM ALEXANDRIA VA
REDSTONEARS HUNTSVILLE AL
DA WASHDC

C O N F I D E N T I A L NATO 02739

SECDEF FOR ODDR&E AND ISA. DA FOR DAMA-PPI. DARCOM FOR
DRCIRD. REDSTONE ARS FOR PM PATRIOT.

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OCON, NATO, MILI
SUBJECT: FUTURE SAM

REFS: (A) USNATO 2640 DTG 031953Z MAY 77, (B) USNATO
AIRGRAM A-208, MAY 3, 1977, (C) NATO NOTE DS/ASG(77)189,
4 MAY 77, (D) SECDEF 5074 DTG 252118Z APR 77.

1. AS REPORTED IN REFS A & B, CNAD AGREED DURING ITS APR
77 MEETING TO ESTABLISH A PROJECT GROUP TO STUDY A REPLACE-
MENT FOR NIKE HERCULES BASED ON PATRIOT, AND A STUDY GROUP
TO EXAMINE AND ASSESS SYSTEMS TO REPLACE IMPROVED HAWK AND
TO PLAN THE TRANSITION TO THE FUTURE SAM STRUCTURE. CNAD
CHAIRMAN ASYG (DEF SPT) LABERGE WILL DIRECT THE EFFORTS OF
BOTH GROUPS WHICH WILL ALSO REPORT THROUGH HIM TO THE CNAD.

2. ON MAY 4, 1977, LABERGE ANNOUNCED HIS APPROACH TO THE
FUTURE SAM UNDERTAKING. PERTINENT TEXT OF REF C FOLLOWS.

BEGIN TEXT:
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 NATO 02739 051646Z

- TO INITIATE THESE GROUPS' ACTIVITIES, I INTEND TO PRE-
PARE A PACKAGE WHICH IDENTIFIES IN SOME DETAIL THE WORK
OF EACH GROUP AND PROVIDES DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE, AND
WHICH ALSO DESCRIBES THE MANNER IN WHICH THE TRI-SERVICE
GROUP ON AIR DEFENCE CAN PROVIDE ITS ADVICE AND ASSIST-
ANCE. THIS PACKAGE IS EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE EARLY NEXT

WEEK. ALTHOUGH THE FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA OF THE FIRST MEETING OF EACH GROUP WILL BE A DISCUSSION AND CONFIRMATION OF THEIR TERMS OF REFERENCE, I BELIEVE IT IS APPROPRIATE TO SOLICIT COMMENTS FROM THE NADREPS ON THESE TERMS OF REFERENCE IN ADVANCE OF THEIR SUBMISSION TO CAPITALS. NADREPS WILL BE INVITED THEREFORE TO SUBMIT ANY COMMENTS TO THE DIRECTOR OF AIR DEFENCE SYSTEMS.

- I WAS ALSO TASKED BY THE CONFERENCE TO ASSIST IN COORDINATING THESE ACTIVITIES WITH THE WORK BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES. THE MANNER IN WHICH SUCH CO-ORDINATION IS TO BE EFFECTED IS AS YET UNDECIDED, BUT I WOULD ANTICIPATE BEING REPRESENTED IN ANY STUDY UNDERTAKEN BY THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES; EQUALLY, I BELIEVE THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES WILL WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ACTIVITIES OF BOTH THE PROJECT AND THE STUDY GROUPS. END TEXT.

3. ON MAY 4, LABERGE'S DIRECTOR OF AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS INFORMALLY ASKED FOR THE EARLIEST DATE THE US COULD ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE NIKE PROJECT GROUP AND THE HAWK STUDY GROUP. ADDITIONALLY, HE REQUESTED WE PROVIDE HIM A PROPOSED TOR FOR THE NIKE PROJECT GROUP. HE HAS RECEIVED A UK PROPOSAL FOR THE HAWK STUDY GROUP AND PLANS TO SOLICIT VIEWS OF FRANCE AND FRG. COMMENT: REF D CONTAINS A PROPOSED TOR FOR THE NIKE PROJECT GROUP WHICH WE BELIEVE WILL SATISFY THE REQUEST AND PROVIDE A GOOD BASIS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION BY THE PROJECT GROUP AND NADREPS. END COMMENT.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 NATO 02739 051646Z

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE SOONEST ON:

- EARLIEST ACCEPTABLE DATES FOR NIKE PROJECT GROUP AND HAWK STUDY GROUP MEETINGS.

- AUTHORITY TO USE REF D TO SATISFY TOR REQUEST. BENNETT

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 05-May-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977NATO02739
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: RR
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: n/a
Format: TEL
From: NATO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770587/aaaacxon.tel
Line Count: 103
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Message ID: a5ce8a99-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 USNATO 2640 DTG 031953Z MAY 77, USNATO, AIRGRAM A-208, MAY 3, 1977, 77 NATO NOTE DS/ASG(77)189
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05-Oct-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2622358
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: FUTURE SAM
TAGS: OCON, MILI, NATO
To: SECSTATE WASHDC WASHDC MULTIPLE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/a5ce8a99-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009